

# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

## From Mr Love...

Dear Community Members,

This week's newsletter finds us at the conclusion of Week Seven and quickly approaching the fourth Sunday of Lent. Wow! Where has time flown?

I often get asked as to why I became a teacher, and more to the point, why I chose primary school? When reflecting upon these two questions, I can categorically answer that it was not to administer NAPLAN assessments! Nor was it, to assist an auditing firm in auditing our school. Both of which have occurred this week.

### Harmony Week

In many ways, next week's Harmony Week answers the questions above perfectly. Working in a Catholic Primary School provides me an opportunity to experience diversity and new learning every day. I get to experience inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging which you rarely find in other professions or organisations. At St Mary's School, we are so very blessed to have such a diverse range of cultures within our school community. And so very blessed to actively witness our children leading the way in what Harmony Week is calling each of us to do.

On Tuesday 21, Miss Alice Dawson will organise activities that will help our students and staff to be more aware of cultural discrimination and prejudice and to also celebrate the cultural diversity we have here at St Mary's School. All students are invited to wear orange clothing or orange accessories to school. Please be reminded that students will still need appropriate sun protective clothing and closed in shoes. Let's all light up the school in orange next week!

### Child Focused in a Christ – Centred Way

On Monday, I had the privilege of attending the annual Leader's Forum in Perth. This forum invited all leaders from the 163 schools within Catholic Education Western Australia to meet and discuss system level and school level improvement. The premise of this year's forum was to remind leaders to put the CEWA vision at the forefront of all decision making. That being, Catholic Education in WA should be child focussed and Christ-centred. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe invited us to see our vision slightly different, in that, our 163 schools should be child focussed in a Christ-centred way. While that slight change may seem like semantics, the depth to this alteration to the vision is significant.

St Mary's School will continue to be a place where the face of Christ will be seen in all our students. A 'one size fits all' approach is not what we do here at St Mary's School! Although this hard work, our staff are fully aware and actively demonstrating our calling of being child focussed in a Christ-centred way.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 8

#### NAPLAN continues

Tues 21 Mar Harmony Day - Orange Free Dress Day  
Fri 24 Mar NCVISSA Summer Carnival Yr 3-6

### Week 9

Mon 27 Mar Sacrament of First Reconciliation 9am

Wed 29 Mar Mass of the Oils 5pm Yr 6

Thurs 30 Mar Assembly - Merit Certificates  
*Newsletter*

Fri 31 Mar Faction Swimming Carnival Yr 1-6

Sun 2 Apr Palm Sunday

### Week 10

Mon 3 Apr Footy Colours Free Dress Day

Thurs 6 Apr Term One Finish for Staff and Students

Fri 7 Apr **Good Friday**

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**REMINDER**  
Online LUNCH  
ORDERS need  
to be in by  
10AM please.



## From Mr Love cont...

### NCVISA Summer Carnival

Next Friday 24, St Mary's School will be participating in the NCVISA Summer Carnival. We will be entering a Basketball team, a Cricket team and two T-Ball teams. As previously advertised, if you are able to assist in the Canteen or as an umpire or scorer, please let the Office know. Thank you in advance.

### STMs Swimming Carnival

Please mark in your diaries 31 March as our St Mary's School Swimming Carnival. This year, the carnival will be held at Nagle Catholic College. Thank you to Mike Williams, Principal of NCC, and the NCC staff for allowing St Mary's to use the college pool. Like always, volunteers will be required to assist in the running of events and as an added layer of safety in the water. Please let the Office know if you are able to assist. Good luck to the competitors of Nagle and Kelly!

### Occupational Health and Safety

St Mary's School endeavours to provide a safe environment for staff, students, parents, carers and visitors. We aim to:

- ensure the safety, health and welfare of all employees and non-employees on school premises
- develop, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy school premises that seeks to minimise the risk of injury or illness for employees and non-employees
- create a culture of safety that encourages the development, maintenance and promotion of healthy school premises
- ensure that adequate financial, physical and human resources are available to support the management of occupational safety and health on school premises.

If a hazard is observed, that is anything that may result in an injury or harm to the health of a person, we request that it is reported to the School Office in a timely manner. Staff have a form that they are required to complete, students are encouraged to speak to the Staff and parents/carers/visitors are requested to report their concerns to the Office so the hazard can be addressed in a timely manner. Thank you for working with the school to keep everyone safe.

### Year 5/6 Carwash

One of our core values at St Mary's School is Teamwork. Today, the senior students typified this value with a carwash to support the people effected by the tragic events in Turkey and Syria. While the carwash was a cool relief from the warmer weather, and a lot of fun, the purpose of the event was not forgotten by our students. Thank you to Miss Miotti and all the students who assisted to raise funds and awareness on this tragic event. You raised an impressive total of \$238! By the way, my car has never looked cleaner!

### St Patrick's Day – 17 March

Today, we celebrate the feast of St Patrick. St Patrick was born in Britain in the late 300s or early 400s. Pirates captured him when he was sixteen. They sold him as a slave in Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd for six years. He then escaped and returned home.

After years of religious training, Patrick went back to Ireland. There he converted many people to Christianity.

There are several legends about St Patrick. One legend says that he drove away all the snakes in Ireland. Which is untrue, no snakes have ever been native in Ireland.

St Patrick is most known for using the three parts of a shamrock leaf to explain the idea of the Trinity. The Trinity refers to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of our Lord. One God, three persons.

### Project Compassion - Caritas Australia – For All Future Generations

As we continue to support the Project Compassion fundraiser, a reminder that all family Project Compassion boxes are asked to be returned to the Office before the end of term. Thank you in advance.



### Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

This will be the first week St Mary's School will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Joy:

*Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.  
(Habakkuk 3:17-18)*

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation Candidates

Please keep Oakley, Asha and Elias in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation on 27 March.

### Good News Story

This week's good news story must go to the students in Year 3 and 5 who have performed so admirably during the scheduled NAPLAN Assessments. While NAPLAN is not the be-all and end-all we still want our students to give it their best. These students have done that and should be applauded for their effort.

Take care,  
Brett

## Term Dates 2023

### Term 1

Wed 1 Feb Commences

Thurs 6 Apr Finishes

### Term 2

Wed 26 Apr Commences

Fri 30 June Finishes

### Term 3

Tues 18 July Commences

Thurs 21 Sept Finishes

### Term 4

Tues 10 Oct Commences

Fri 8 Dec Finishes - Students



## Pupil Free Days Term One 2023

Mon April 24	Staff PD Day
Friday June 2	Catholic Day
Mon July 17	Staff PD Day
Friday Sep 22	Staff PD Day (TBC)
Mon Oct 9	Staff PD Day

## Public Holidays 2023

Friday	April 7	Good Friday
Mon	April 10	Easter Monday
Tues	April 25	ANZAC Day
Mon	June 5	WA Day
Mon	Sept 25	Monarch's Official Birthday TBC
Mon	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Tues	Dec 26	Boxing Day

## CRUNCH AND SIP

### In Season in Summer – Apricots

Apricots - like peaches, nectarines, plums and cherries - belong to a group called stone fruits because they have a tough, inedible seed in the centre. They were first grown in China over 4000 years ago but are now found in most parts of the world thanks to traders on ships who travelled between many different countries. The lovely orangey yellow colour of the flesh means that apricots are rich in carotene (a pre-cursor to vitamin A), vitamin C and fibre, plus they provide natural energy to help kids be physically active. Choose apricots which are nice and plump, have a strong colour and smell sweet. Eat raw as a snack or for Crunch&Sip®!





## BIRTHDAYS

26 March	Serah
23 March	Jordan
18 March	Nate
27 March	William S

## DID YOU KNOW

*A Seagull can drink saltwater as it has special glands to filter out the salt.*

## FOOTY TIPPING

Footy Tipping is back at St Mary's for 2023 and there is still time to join in the fun! You will have received a note home with the details of the competition. This is a great fundraiser for our school and it would be great to see some new tippers in the competition!

As per previous years, entry into the competition is \$50, there is a \$50 prize for the best tipper each week, overall winner takes home \$800, second prize is \$300, and third prize is \$100. Please go to the ESPN Website to register in our competition. <https://www.footytips.com.au>

## COVID TESTS

We still have plenty of COVID Tests available in the office. Please come and see our office staff or phone the school if you would like some.

## NCVISSA SUMMER CARNIVAL HELPERS NEEDED

Thank you very much to those parents that have already volunteered to be a helper at the NCVISSA Summer Carnival, 24 March. We still require parent helpers for the Tee Ball competition. If you are able to assist with this please contact the school office.

## FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL HELPERS NEEDED

Thank you very much to those parents who have already volunteered to be a helper at the Faction Swimming Carnival, 31 March. We still need more helpers to ensure the carnival runs smoothly. Please see the attached form at the end of this newsletter and let the Office know if you can help.





# MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

**Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term One, Week 6**

**Year K/PP**

**Max**

Max, what a great start to Pre-Primary! I love the way you have been showing "Whole Body Listening", and really focusing on what you are learning during our mat sessions. You are working hard at remembering and writing your sounds and you are showing great improvement. I am very impressed, keep up the great learning!

**Oakley W**

Oakley, you are a Kindy Superstar! I love the way you know the jobs you need to do in the morning and do them quickly and efficiently. You join in with us no matter what we are doing and are always ready to be first in line to do activities. You listen and follow instructions perfectly, and always do your best. We love having you in our class, you are a fantastic Kindy friend!

**Year 1/2**

**Kai**

Kai, what a privilege it is to be your teacher for a second year in a row. Your kind heart and gentle nature makes you a popular friend, and an excellent role model to your peers. I have enjoyed watching you grow as a learner, and I am looking forward to seeing what you can achieve this year. Congratulations, Kai!

**Scarlett**

Scarlett, you are a delight to have in the classroom with your sweet smile and enthusiasm to learn. You are a gentle, kind and bubbly student, and it has been wonderful to see you at school so regularly so far this year. Keep up your efforts, and I very much look forward to watching you grow as a learner this year. Congratulations, Scarlett!

**Year 3/4**

**Isla W**

For the leadership qualities you have constantly shown this year. Isla, I know it is only Week Six of Term One, you have shown amazing leadership qualities that you should be proud of. You have led from the front by showing others what is expected of them and encouraging them along the way. Isla, you have really stepped up, thinking ahead and used your initiative to solve problems and answer questions. You are an amazing person, Isla! Continue to shine!

**Nate**

For displaying a positive attitude towards your learning. Your contribution to class discussions and your willingness to share your excellent knowledge is an asset to the class. Nate, you complete all tasks quickly and efficiently. You are an outstanding role model for your peers and a delight to have in the class. This is a fantastic start to the year, Nate! Keep on shining!

**Year 5/6**

**Ruben**

For your insightful comments and contributions to class discussions. You demonstrate a mature attitude when answering questions and sharing your ideas with others. Thank you for approaching all tasks with enthusiasm, your constant risk-taking allows you to be a successful learner. Ruben, you enjoy being part of the Sport Council and you always carry out the responsibilities in a mature manner. You set a great example for those around you by demonstrating excellent leadership skills, daily. Looking forward to a great year, Ruben!

**William**

For settling into Year 5 with ease and approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and having a go. Thank you for being a positive, hardworking member of the class. You are always trying your best and asking for feedback to find out how you can do better. I love this so keep it up! William, you enjoy being part of the Sport Council, always carrying out the responsibilities in a mature manner. I am looking forward to seeing you grow in all areas of your learning and as a leader, this year. Way to go, William!

**Art Award**

**Pre-Primary Class of 2023**

Wow! What an amazing class you are Pre-Primary! You are all working so hard with your handwriting practice and artwork activities. The teamwork and respect that each one of you shows to everyone is ultra-wonderful! Keep up the fantastic creative work, we are very proud of you!

**Lexile Awards: Harry C, Isla W Principals Awards: Ruben, Pat**





## PARISH NEWS

### Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self –confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

### Project Compassion

This week Project Compassion presents us with the story of Tereesa, a 27 year old Indigenous woman from western Sydney, the area with the largest urban Indigenous population in the country. Tereesa became pregnant at the age of 16. With your help Project Compassion has been able to support the Mums and Bubs program run by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation. This allowed Tereesa to find accommodation, gain skills and continue her education. She was also able to connect with her culture. You can help people like Tereesa continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**The Parish Council meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm in the staff room of St Mary's School. New members most welcome.

**Our Aged and Sick;** Pray for Fr. Robert O'Bryan, Fr. Brian Ahern, Fr. Larry Rodillas, Win & Ray Bowman, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Betty Thompson and all the residents of Brookview

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEGA CAMP

**DATES: 17TH, 18TH, 19TH & 20TH  
APRIL 2023**

**LOCATION: ACTIVEWEST STADIUM**

**TIME: 9AM - 2PM EACH DAY**

**AGES: 11 - 15 YEARS OLD (2012-2008)**


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# HARMONY Festival



**STOW  
GARDENS**  
SATURDAY,  
18TH MARCH 2023  
11AM - 3PM

- CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD & GIFT STALLS
- REMAJA (TEENS) WORLD
- WATOTO (KIDS) WORLD

**WATERPOLO BY THE SEA - IN FRONT OF GERALDTON YACHT CLUB**

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS  
FREE EVENT

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# NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Enda Bandy Centre

**COME AND JOIN US!**

MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS  
9AM - 11AM  
\$1 PER CHILD AND A PIECE OF FRUIT

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES  
BYO SNACKS

**WEEKLY HELPERS**  
CUT UP FRUIT  
HELP PACK AWAY TOYS & ACTIVITIES  
WIPE TABLES/BENCHES/HIGH CHAIRS ETC  
SWEEP/VACCUUM

**WHAT TO BRING**  
HAT  
WATER BOTTLE  
CLOTHES THAT CAN GET DIRTY

**TERM 1 2023**

- 06/02 - WELCOME BACK, VALENTINES PAINTING
- 13/02 - KINDNESS DAY, TASTE TESTING
- 20/02 - PLAYGROUP @ LIONS PARK
- 27/02 - TEXTURED/TACTILE ART ACTIVITIES
- 06/03 - LONG WEEKEND
- 13/03 - HEARING AWARENESS WEEK - SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISIT
- 20/03 - BUBBLES/ BALLOON PAINTING
- 27/03 - GROSS MOTOR ADVENTURE PLAY
- 03/04 - OOBLEC EXPLORING

CONTACT DESIREE ON 0400 207 395 OR VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

## Registrations are now OPEN for 2023!!

The **Northampton Junior Football Club** invites all families to join in the upcoming season (Term 2 start). We are taking registrations for the following grades.

U8-Year 1&2-mixed team

U9-Year 3-mixed team

U10-Year 4-mixed team

U9-Year 5-mixed team

U11-Year 5-mixed team

U12-Year 6-mixed team

U14-Year 7&8-mixed team

U16-Year 9&10-Boys (registrations will close Feb 16 so that we can access numbers for this grade, so register ASAP)

Register via PlayHq (search Northampton **JUNIOR** Football Club or via your account) or via <https://playhq.com/afl/register/ab053f>

Follow us on Facebook Northampton Junior Football Club and look out for information on upcoming preseason events/registration days. Players **MUST** be registered prior to their first game and registrations will **NOT** be done on game day.

For any questions regarding registration contact Heather Watkins [heathwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:heathwatkins@gmail.com) or 0487519858 or via our Facebook page

### DONATE THE CASH THAT'S IN YOUR CONTAINERS TO NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB

We'll get 10 cents for each one.  
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:  
**St Mary's School Northampton**  
Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

**ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**

Most glass, plastic, aluminum, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

Visit [containersforchange.com.au](https://containersforchange.com.au) to find out more



## Northampton Junior Netball

### SATURDAY NETBALL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are now calling for all junior netballers wishing to play in the Geraldton Saturday morning competition in term 2 & 3 to register their names by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Training - 4pm Friday @ Northampton Community Centre starting week 1 term 2.

Games—Saturday mornings at the Geraldton Netball Association, Yr2 - Yr6 (numbers permitting).

Please send your child's name and date of birth to Naomi Simpson at [naomisimpson@westnet.com.au](mailto:naomisimpson@westnet.com.au) and we will sort children into teams.

## Find The Treasures To **WIN BIG!**

**Catholic Schools Guide and Integrate AV are giving one lucky entrant the opportunity to win 2 amazing prizes worth over \$2,000!**

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Every student attending a Catholic school in Australia is invited to enter this competition to win:

**Prize 1 is for your Family:**  
\$2,000 worth of School Fees paid directly to your school.

**Prize 2 is for You:**  
\$100 Roblox Robux voucher.

**Runner-up prizes:**  
25 runner-up entries will receive a \$20 Roblox Robux voucher.

**Simple steps to enter:**

1. Go to Catholic Schools Guide website [catholicschoolsguide.com.au](http://catholicschoolsguide.com.au)
2. Follow the clues to find the 3 treasures
3. Then complete the entry form and tell us in 50 words or less 'What Makes Your School Special' to register your submission.

Competition closes 5.00pm Friday 1 September, 2023.  
Visit our website to enter  
[catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition](http://catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition)

**Happy Treasure Hunting!**



## - ICPA - Isolated Children's Parents' Association

*Your Membership*

- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and ICPA Australia.
- If you do not have a Branch near you or your State/Territory does not have an ICPA State Council you can join as a Lone Member.

*Your Branch ICPA*

**ICPA BRANCHES**

- 101 Branches across Australia.
- Advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
- Fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.

*Your State ICPA*

**ICPA IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY**

- 5 State Councils - NSW, NT, QLD, SA and WA.
- Advocates to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders for students from rural town schools, distance education, early childhood or boarding as well as state allowances, local bus runs, communications, tertiary, trade, training and more.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward State/Territory based motions.

*Your Federal ICPA*

**ICPA AUSTRALIA**

- Advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care, early childhood through to tertiary education and access to adequate telecommunications.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward Federal based motions.



**ICPA WA**  
voice for regional education

Become a member at [icpa.com.au/au/membership](http://icpa.com.au/au/membership)





## Faction Swimming Carnival Helpers

### Friday 31 March 2023

<b>Organiser:</b>	Daniela Miotti
<b>Head Judge:</b>	_____
<b>Starter:</b>	_____
<b>Timers:</b>	1. _____ 2. _____
<b>Chief Marshall:</b>	_____
<b>Starter Marshall:</b>	_____
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Judge:</b>	David Teakle
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Judge:</b>	_____
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Judge:</b>	_____
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place Judge:</b>	_____
<b>Recorder:</b>	Beth Smith Verity Harriman
<b>Scribe:</b>	Gemma Suckling
<b>Runner:</b>	Ebony Reynolds
<b>Announcer:</b>	Brett Love
<b>Bays:</b>	All Staff
<b>Camera:</b>	Nicki Young
<b>Life Guard:</b>	Ebony Reynolds
<b>Junior Helpers:</b>	Naomi Simpson Michaela Simpson